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## WEST VIRGINIA 2020 CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Layer numbers** during 2020 averaged 1.26 million, down less than 1 percent from the 2019 average of 1.27 million. The average annual production per layer was 230 eggs, down 11 eggs per layer from the 2019 total of 241 eggs per layer. Pullets for 2020 totaled 779,000, up 4 percent from the 2019 total of 747,000. Other chickens totaled 106,000 in 2020, up 18 percent from the 2019 total of 90,000.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2020 totaled 290.3 million eggs. This was 5 percent down from the 2019 production of 306.2 million eggs.

**The total number of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2020 (excluding commercial broilers) was 2.18 million head, down 2 percent from the 2019 total of 2.21 million.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2020 was \$15.9 million, down 9 percent from the December 1, 2019 value of \$17.5 million. The average value of \$7.30 per bird on December 1, 2020, was down \$.60 per head from the 2019 value of \$7.90 per bird.

**United States - Layers** during 2020 averaged 390 million, down 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2020 was 286 eggs, up 1 percent from 2019.

**Egg production** during the year ending November 30, 2020 totaled 112 billion eggs, down 1 percent from 2019. Table egg production, at 96.9 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 14.7 billion eggs, was up 4 percent from 2019.

**The total inventory of chickens** on hand on December 1, 2020 (excluding commercial broilers) was 518 million birds, down 3 percent from last year.

**The total value of all chickens** on December 1, 2020 was \$2.58 billion, up 9 percent from December 1, 2019. The average value increased from \$4.43 per bird on December 1, 2019, to \$4.97 per bird on December 1, 2020.